

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I would like 2 minutes.

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I wish to speak on the health insurance reform legislation. So I am happy to wait my turn.

Mr. DOMENICI. We have an arrangement that the Senator from Massachusetts will go next. It is your turn.

Mr. EXON. With the understanding, I might say, that the Senator from Massachusetts has been very patient. I scheduled him at 4:30, the best I could.

Mr. KENNEDY. That is fine.

Mr. EXON. We understand that you will have 7 minutes for other matters, and then we will yield to the Senator from Massachusetts, is that correct?

Mr. DOMENICI. That is exactly what I hope and agree to.

Mr. EXON. We agree with that.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota is recognized for 5 minutes; following that, the Senator from Kentucky will be recognized for 2 minutes; then the Senator from Massachusetts will be recognized for such time as the Senator from Nebraska may yield him.

The Chair recognizes the Senator from South Dakota.

#### TRIBUTE TO BOB DOLE

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to our friend, BOB DOLE. It has been my pleasure over the years to hold over 30 joint meetings with him in my State, in my time as a Congressman and as a Senator and when he was running for South Dakota's early primary. There were at least 30 meetings. I learned a great deal from BOB'S service, and I learned that his tireless energy was always an inspiration to me. In fact, he would always shake hands with everybody at the end of those meetings, regardless of how long it took. But he offered a great deal of substance when somebody asked him a complicated question. He would give the full Senate answer, so to speak. I believe that he will go down as one of the great Members of this Chamber, in terms of legislative accomplishments and contributions.

I was one of the first Senators to commit to him for majority leader or minority leader—whichever was the case, because at the time we did not know for sure. I was one of the first Senators to endorse him for President. I think his career in the Senate represents the best of Senate life. I guess everybody knows about his wit and his determination. I could never believe or comprehend how he had so much energy. He literally went 7 days a week. He would be as energetic on Sunday night when he was coming back to Washington.

I also visited at least 15 States with him during the time he was a Presidential candidate or chairman of the party or when I was a Congressman, and he did the same thing there, too. He was not a golfer or a tennis player. He just worked all the time. I have

never seen anything like it. He would fill up the whole weekend with work and visits. To him, it was service. I just would not have that much energy because I need a day off now and then. I pay tribute to him because he is one of the great Members of this Chamber that I have served with, and it has been my pleasure to work side by side with him.

I have a number of other reminiscences, which I will place in the RECORD. During this short time, let me also say that I have felt a great deal of friendship and still feel a great deal of friendship with BOB DOLE. He is a person with whom I could always talk to if I was struggling in some of my campaigns, or whatever. He would always be there to help. Just recently, he invited me along on four stops in several States with him. His energy is as great as it has ever been.

BOB DOLE is a great man. He will be a great President, and I will miss him very much here in the Senate. It feels lonely around here without him already, without his quips, and so forth. I came in a little late at lunch today and he said, "You are late, PRESSLER. We are going to count you late." He was full of quips all the time. I pay tribute to my friend, BOB DOLE, a great U.S. Senator, who will be a great President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky is recognized.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, we witnessed today the departure from the Senate of one of the giants of American history. On a day like this, obviously, all of your memories come back to you. I remember the first time I met BOB DOLE. It was in this room in the early part of 1969. I was a fuzzy-cheeked staffer back here on what was then these big stuffed couches. BOB DOLE was a freshman Senator. Since desks on the floor of the Senate were assigned on the basis of seniority, he sat near the back. I remember him as being the most popular of the freshman Republicans with the staff. Why? Because he was nice to us. This is a place where, as many know, some Senators are a little full of themselves and frequently are not all that nice to staff. BOB DOLE was not only nice to us, his humor was often practiced on us before he related some of it on the floor.

In short, you could sense from the beginning, from the day BOB DOLE walked in here, that he was something special, that he was not going to be just your average Senator. So like everybody else, I watched his development over the years. I left as a staffer and went back home to do my own thing. My next recollection of BOB DOLE was in 1980, his first campaign for President, which was not conspicuously successful. I remember picking him up one day in Kentucky and taking him to a meeting and watching him tirelessly work the crowd. He had to have a sense that his campaign was failing. But as Woody Allen said, "Eighty percent of life is showing up." BOB DOLE was driven. He

always showed up. He continued to push.

The next time I saw him was in 1984, 3 days before the Senate race in Kentucky. All of a sudden, the word had spread around that this challenger in the Senate race in Kentucky might have a shot. BOB and Elizabeth Dole came in, and we wheeled around the State in their plane, and they gave me the boost I needed at the end to get over the finish line.

In short, like everybody else here, I have had a number of reminiscences of this great American. On a day like this, they all come back. It seems like there is a giant sort of gap here in the Senate with his departure. Today was a bittersweet day for all of us. I think it is kind of a mixture of exhilaration for him that he goes out on this new challenge, undeterred by all of the restraints that are obvious here, but at the same time he regretted his departure. I only add: Godspeed, BOB DOLE. I think we will be seeing you in Government once again.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from Massachusetts is recognized.

Mr. EXON. I yield to the Senator from Massachusetts whatever time he needs off of our 5 hours.

Mr. KENNEDY. I thank the Senator from Nebraska. I see the Senator from Kansas on the floor, who was here earlier than I was. She has indicated that she has just a short comment to make. I am glad, if it is agreeable with the Senator from Nebraska, to yield to her to speak briefly.

Mr. EXON. I will yield whatever time she needs from our time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

#### HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. I very much appreciate the Senator from Massachusetts giving me some time at this moment. I would have been happy to wait. But both the Senator from Massachusetts and myself have worked for many months on health insurance reform. I very much appreciated Senator KENNEDY, the ranking member of the Labor and Human Resources Committee—his efforts to help us achieve what the Senate voted on 100 to 0 for some very important health insurance reform measures.

Today, I want to speak for a moment about where we stand on this issue. First, because I heard the chairman of the Budget Committee speak on the budget resolution before us, I want to speak with respect to the admiration I have for Senator DOMENICI and his honesty and vision regarding what is needed in our budget. Both he and Senator EXON from Nebraska, who is the ranking member, have worked many years on budget matters, and I am sure that at some point there must be a certain weariness that sets in as yet one more budget resolution comes before the